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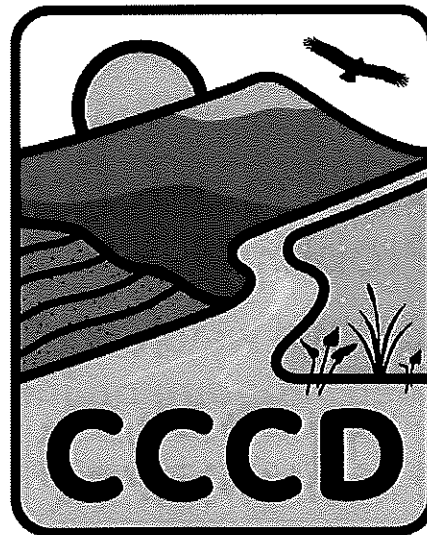
See what local conservation events are happening in the upcoming months!

Resources & Services

Discover local resources like our [Find A Local Farm Map](#) always available to you at the Cheshire County Conservation District.

We're here to help with our [Farm Rental Equipment](#)

Connect with us [on social media](#) for up to date events, articles, and information!



CHESHIRE COUNTY
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November Blog Article

*On Mud, Horses, Flowers,
& Food*

This month, local partners Frank Hunter & Kim Peavey of Hillside Springs Farm CSA in Westmoreland, NH share about how their collaboration with the CCCD & USDA NRCS over the years has supported the growth and health of their small CSA Farm

[Click here to read](#)

**"On Mud, Horses, Flowers, &
Food"**

THANK YOU for celebrating 75 years with us!!

**Missed the meeting?
No Problem!**

**You can still watch our
recorded program online!**

Given all the difficulties this year has presented, we at the CCCD couldn't be more proud of all that we've been able to accomplish this year. And that includes the fun and engaging Virtual Annual Meeting we put together for all of you, our wonderful supporters.



**Watch our 75th Virtual
Annual Meeting!**

**Read through our 2020
Annual Report Flipbook**

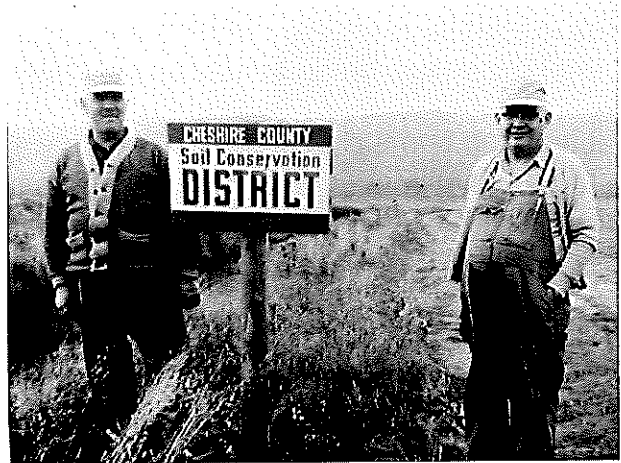
Request for historic conservation photos!

**Do you have a
historic photo to
share?**

While the CCCD is celebrating it's 75th anniversary this year, the full suite of conservation districts across the state of NH will celebrate 75 years of conservation in 2021!

As part of this year-long celebration, we would love to collect county photos depicting conservation over the last 75 years. **We're most interested in photos that depict aspects of forestry, agriculture, and land-use.**

Old, historic, photos can be shared to lola@cheshireconservation.org - please include a description of the photo similar to the description listed under our historic photo example!



*Cheshire County: Keene, NH (where the Best Western currently sits on Rt. 101) (left) Charles T. Richardson of Marlborough NH, CCCD District Supervisor, (right) Edward LaBounty of Keene NH, CCCD District Cooperator
Photo was taken sometime between 1945-1950*

Community Supported Solar Project Update



After months and months of hard work behind the scenes, we are excited to announce that construction on our Community Supported Solar array at Sun Moon Farm in Rindge, NH is underway!

We are now taking requests from farms who would like to purchase shares in this net metered project! There are currently 18 shares available for purchase on a first come, first served basis.

Each estimated 5000 KWh produced will constitute one share. Farmers may purchase

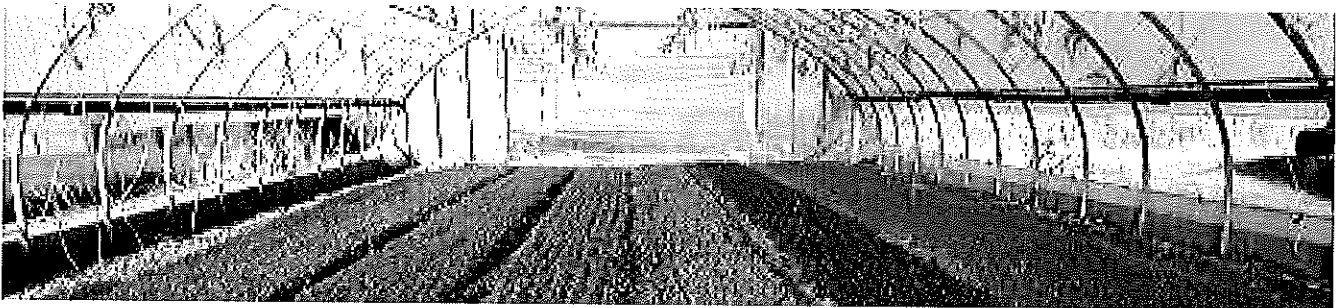
as many shares as they want, but the total output cannot exceed the total power the farm consumes on an annual basis. **One share costs \$4,523.**

Interested farms should plan to join us virtually for a Community Supported Solar Informational Zoom Meeting on November 17th from 3:30-5:30pm.
Event information below.

[Click here to Register](#)

[Read our CSS Brochure](#)

NH Soil Health Partnership Vegetable Farmer Survey



Attention Local Vegetable Farmers:

Please take 2 minutes to complete this a very brief evaluation to help NH Soil Health Partnership better understand what acres they have in conservation tillage and cover crops across the state.

We greatly appreciate your help assisting the NH Soil Health Partnership with their efforts to better understand the number of acres in no-till/reduced-till & cover crops on vegetable farms in NH.

[Complete the 2-minute Survey!](#)

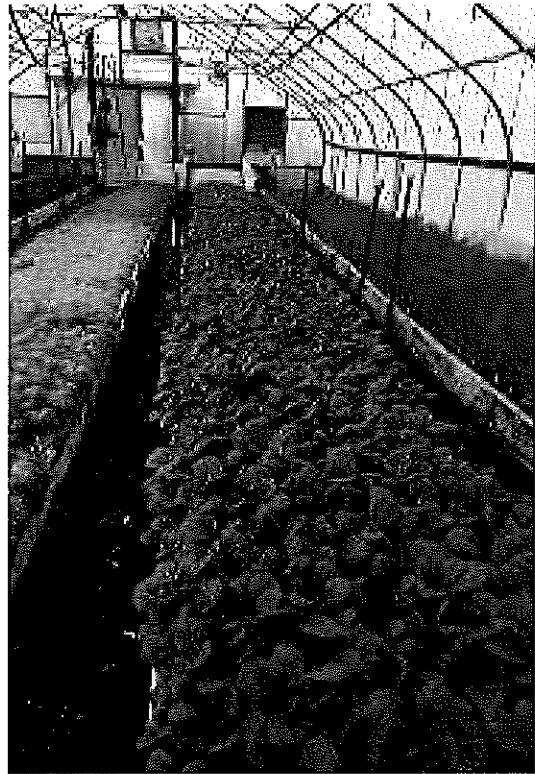
Events & Programs: November

On-farm Soil Steamer Demonstration

Friday, November 13th
10:30am-12:30pm

Picadilly Farm
264 S. Parrish Rd. Winchester

Soil steaming on farms is an emerging technology that is being utilized to manage disease, weeds, and pests in high tunnels. There is also an application for steam in sanitizing greenhouse goods and distribution containers. The use of steam offers a solution to perennial challenges for growers. Although this is a proven technology, it is not yet widely adopted in the Northeast.



One problem is that soil steamers are expensive and unattainable for small and medium scale producers, who make up the bulk of fruit and vegetable producers in NH. The CCCD has acquired a soil steamer to make available to growers through their equipment rental program in 2021. This will allow producers to access the equipment in an affordable manner. **The CCCD is partnering with Picadilly Farm, UNH Cooperative Extension, and the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) to provide trainings for farms, on-farm demos, and facilitate peer-to-peer education on the best practices of soil steaming.**

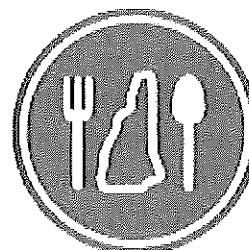
Interested growers are invited to join this demonstration to watch the equipment in action and learn more about how it could fit into their high tunnel management systems. **Demonstrations will be held inside the high tunnels at the farm so for safety reasons, participation is limited. Masks are required.**

If you would like to reserve your spot, please email amanda@cheshireconservation.org or call 603-756-2988 x4 and leave a voicemail expressing your interest to attend the Soil Steamer Demonstration.

NH Agricultural Policy Forum

Friday, November 16th
6:30pm-8:15pm
Virtual Event

Advocates have been working hard throughout this challenging year to draft policy briefs and prioritize legislative policies that best support agricultural producers and New Hampshire consumers. Join the Monadnock Farm & Community Coalition and the NH Food Alliance for this **free, virtual event** to find out more about their efforts and how you can engage to assure New Hampshire's local food future is sustainable, robust, and accessible to all its citizens.



[Click here to Register](#)

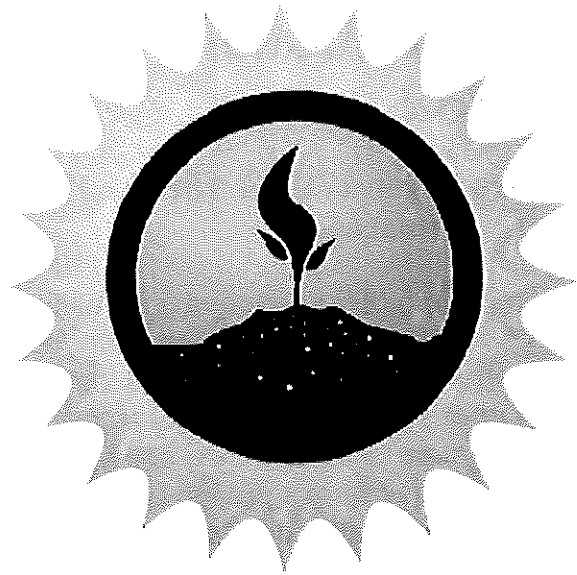
Community Supported Solar Info Session

Tuesday, November 17th
3:30pm-5:30pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

An opportunity to learn the ins and outs of becoming a part of our Community Supported Solar project, ask all your questions, and take next steps towards

signing up to purchase your farm's shares in the project!

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.



The Monadnock Region Community Supported Solar Project is an effort to help local farmers stabilize and lower their costs of electricity. A number of agricultural producers in the Monadnock region have expressed interest in solar, but many do not have the capital to invest in the infrastructure and/or a good location for the PV system. The Community Supported Solar model allows for community investment to offset the costs of the participating farms.

The CCCD is now taking requests from local farms interested in purchasing shares in this net metering project!

Currently, 18 shares are available for purchase on a first come, first served basis. Participating farms will need to be utilizing Eversource as their electricity utility. Each estimated 5000 KWh produced will constitute one share. Farmers may purchase as many shares as they want, but the total output cannot exceed the total power the farm consumes on an annual basis. One share costs \$4,523.

Interested farmers should contact Amanda Littleton directly at the CCCD to reserve their shares; first come first served until sold out. Either send an email to amanda@cheshireconservation.org or call 607-756-2988 x4 and leave a voicemail.

If you believe your farm can benefit from lowered energy costs and you're interested in this net metering opportunity but want more information -- **please join the CCCD for a Virtual Info Session on Friday, November 17th from 3:30pm-5:30pm on Zoom. Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.**

[Click here to Register](#)

2020 National Cover Crop Summit

November 17th & 18th, 2020
2-Day Virtual event

More than 5,000 attendees from all 50 states and 45 countries have attended the National Cover Crop Summit to learn how to harness the full potential of a cover-crop system to protect their soil and increase their farm's profits. Due to overwhelming attendee feedback, the National Cover Crop Summit is returning November 17-18, 2020, with a lineup of all-new speakers and presentation topics!



Sign up for this **FREE ONLINE EVENT** and learn practical strategies from some of today's top cover crop experts.

[Click here to Register](#)

NHACD Virtual Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 19th
1:00pm-4:00pm

Join us for the NH Association of Conservation District's Virtual 2020 Annual Meeting to hear all the great highlights on 2020 conservation work across the entire state of NH!

Highlights from the program include updates from partners like NACD and NRCS will be given, the honoring of the statewide 2020 Cooperator and Educator of the year, as well as the 2020 business meeting and election of a new slate of officers.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom link.

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Due to the recent developments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, CCCD events have been canceled, postponed, or moved to a virtual platform.

We will continue to monitor the situation to make determinations about any events scheduled for the remainder of the year. We will make determinations on a month-by-month basis until further notice.

Please stay tuned to our website or [Facebook page](#) for up to date information regarding our events.

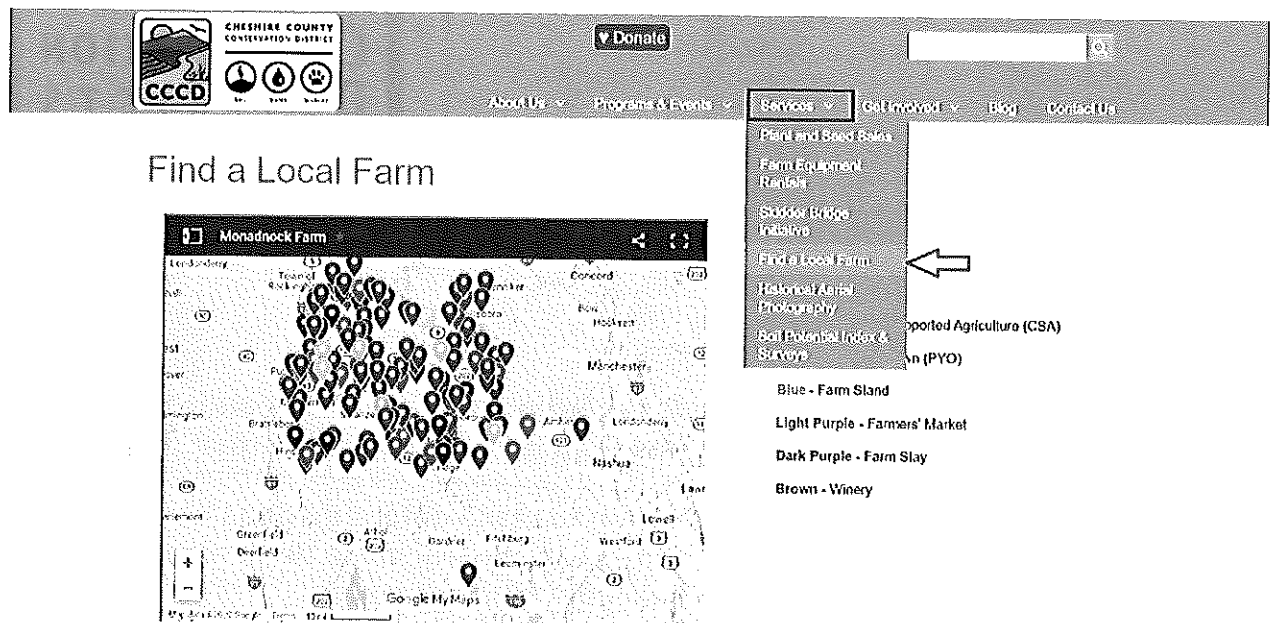
Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncertain times. Please know that the CCCD is committed to ensuring the safety & well being of the public. This is our first priority. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding the status of our events.

Resources & Services

Help Us Update Our Local Farm Map!

Now more than ever, folks straying away from grocery stores and looking to local farms for fresh food, milk, eggs, bread, etc.

Help us ensure that folks know about your farm's offerings, hours, location, & more as we update our [Find A Local Farm Map!](#)



How to Update your farm's info:

- Step 1: Visit the CCCD website [here](#)
- Step 2: Use the map to locate your farm
- Step 3: Review your farm's listed information
- Step 4: Email us with any necessary updates

Email to: Lola@cheshireconservation.org
 Subject line: "Farm Map: "Your Farm Name"

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